

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 11, 15-17, 22-24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Streetman (6,456,902).

The Applicants can establish a date of invention prior to the effective date of the Streetman reference. A previously submitted declaration of David P. Gordon established that a Patent Memorandum supporting all of the claims of the instant application was completed prior to the effective date of the Streetman reference. The Examiner has required additional declarations which are attached hereto. It is believed that the attached declarations together with the previously submitted declaration of David P. Gordon clearly establish priority of the instant invention over the Streetman reference.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David P. Gordon".

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Encl. Declaration of David P. Gordon
Declaration of the Inventors (signed by three inventors) with Exhibits
Declaration of the Inventors (signed by one inventor) with Exhibits